Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title of the invention with the following title:

VIDEO MEDIA <u>STORAGE</u> CONTROL SYSTEM

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

<u>A video media storage control system for controlling a video media storage device such as a tape storage device. The system sends commands to the device to position the video media at a desired position for recording or playback purposes. Positioning of the video media may further utilise characterisation data for the video media storage device and reading position data recorded on the tape. Position data may also be generated from the contents of the tape by generating a data sequence derived from the contents of the tape. The system may display an index of the video media contents comprising one or more images from the media taken at discrete intervals.</u>

~~A video media storage control system to control a video media storage device, be it for a tape or other storage media, includes means for sending commands to the device to instigate positioning of the video media at a desired position and where the desired position is arrived at automatically by reading the video media to obtain position information, directly or indirectly, and changing the position of the video media until the desired position has been obtained. Positioning may be for record or playback purposes. According to one aspect of the invention selection of the desired position at least for playback is controlled selectively from a display of the index of contents of the video media, which display includes at least one image of the contents and preferably a plurality of images on the media taken at discrete intervals. Positioning of the video media may utilise characterisation data for the video media storage device. More particularly the position information is obtained by reading position~~

~~data recorded on the tape or alternatively by generating position data from the contents of the~~

~~video tape for example by reading the tape and generating a data sequence or data value~~

~~derived from the contents of the tape and storing same in memory in conjunction with~~

~~position information.~~